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1. Rumania has six large factories, erected between 1948 and 1952, for the production of lampblack (carbon black). They are located in the middle of Transylvania between the town of Medias and the Copsa Mica railroad crossing, one mile from the national highway. The factories are hidden among the hills so as to be scarcely visible. Each of the factories consist of sixteen buildings.
2. These factories are working on a 24-hour basis and the production is from 900 to 1,200 bags daily. They use methane gas which is produced at the gas center in Copsa Mica. The lampblack they produce is used in manufacturing explosives and synthetic rubber.
3. The moment the material is finished it is placed on trucks controlled directly by the Soviet authorities and taken to an unknown destination. The trucks have been seen unloading bags of lampblack into railroad freight cars. The Soviet authorities have sent specialists to these factories which are reported to be increasing production to a rate hitherto unknown in Rumanian industry.

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